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Dates for your 2016 Diary
Village Fete
Saturday 18th June
Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service
Sunday 13th November
Christmas Fantasia
Saturday 26th November
Visit ***www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk*** for news of any other events

Neighbourhood Panel Meetings

Ash Wharf at the **Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash**.

Ash South & Tongham at **St. Pauls Church of England School, Eastside, Tongham.**

Ash Vale at **St. Mary's Church, Vale Road, Ash Vale**.

For up to date information and dates please visit:
http://www.surrey.police.uk/my-neighbourhood

Recycling Sites

Recycling in Ash Parish is handled by Guildford Borough Council. There is an extensive section on recycling on the following webpage: ***http://www.guildford.gov.uk/guildfordweb/environment/recycling***.
Community Recycling sites in Ash and Ash Vale are located at:

Ash Football Club Shawfield Road	Green, Brown and Clear Glass.
Carrington Recreation Ground Lysons Avenue	Green, Brown, Clear Glass, Newspapers, Magazines, Cans, Plastic Bottles, Textiles, Shoes.
Coronation Gardens Ash Hill Road	Green, Brown, Clear Glass, Newspapers, Magazines, Cans, Plastic Bottles, Cardboard, Books, Textiles and Shoes, Liquid Food Cartons and Drink Cartons.

If you would like to place an article or advertisement about a community event in a future issue of this newsletter, or if you have any suggestions for improving the newsletter or website, please contact The Parish Office by telephone on: 01252 328287 or e-mail ***office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk***

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Ash Matters

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Ash Parish Council Village Fete

Ferret Racing

Ash Parish Council are planning a traditional Village Fete to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday.

The fete will be held on Saturday 18th June from 2:00pm until 5:00pm, at the Ash Centre and Recreation Ground, Ash Hill Road, Ash.

Plans for this celebration event are still being drawn up as this edition of *Ash Matters* goes to print, but it is anticipated that there will be a number of traditional attractions during the afternoon.

There will be a variety of stalls including games, tombola's, raffles and much more. There will be a Children's Fancy Dress competition with a theme of Kings and Queens, with a King and Queen being chosen for the afternoon. Refreshments including a beer and wine tent, a barbeque, ice creams and tea and coffee will be available throughout. A picnic area is to be set aside.

There will also be a show competition of flowers, vegetables, flower arranging, cakes and crafts. This year there will be two classes specifically for Children and also to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. One class will be to make a cardboard crown using any decorations and a second will be "4 iced and decorated cookies" fit for the Queens tea. All prize winners will be invited to the Ash in Bloom 2016 presentation evening to be held at the Ash Centre later in the year during October.

An entry from the 2015 Open Classes

A Tug of War competition will run throughout the afternoon and for the first time in Ash there will be FERRET Racing. It is anticipated there will also be performances by local choirs and schools. The Ash Tennis Club will run a mini tennis court during the afternoon where everyone, whatever their ability, will be welcome.

Inside the Ash Centre there will be a display of various items relating to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, presented by the Ash and District Local History Society. Also during the afternoon, inside the Ash Centre there will be a continuous showing of the film "Out and About in Ash Vale" by Ann Wonfor.

The Outside Broadcast Unit of Radio Frimley Park will be on hand during the afternoon providing music and a running commentary throughout.

As details for this event are constantly updated, please continue to refer to our web site ***www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk,*** or contact the Parish Office on 01252 328287 for full details.

Entry forms for the various Open Show classes, or application forms to hold a stall can all be obtained from the Council Office or from the Council website ***www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk***.

Friary Guildford Brass Band Concert 2015

The Friary Guildford Brass Band charity concert November 2015

Following yet another very successful charity Concert given by the Friary Guildford Brass Band in November last year, we are pleased that a fantastic amount of **£1523.92** was raised for the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance.

Ash Parish Council would like to thank everyone who contributed towards this amount, which was raised by way of ticket sales, a raffle, refreshment sales and various other donations. Thanks were given to the Ash and Blackwater Valley Rotary Club who sponsored the concert.

Other 2015 Events - a Review in Pictures

From top left; Remembrance Day Parade; The Friary Guildford Brass Band at the Picnic in the Park with a picture of the audience. A dahlia from the Open Class Show; the Remembrance Poppy at Snaky Lane Nature Reserve; a stall at Christmas Fantasia and the Christmas Tree on Ash Wharf (Picture Neil Bidwell).

The West Surrey Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers

Two members of the Guild at a monthly meeting

The West Surrey Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers is a friendly group with about 90 members. They have meetings twice a month in the Victoria Hall, Ash Hill Road, Ash, on the first Monday and second Wednesday of each month from 10:30am until 3:00pm. Members and visitors meet to chat and spin, weave or do other textile crafts.

Visitors are always welcome, so please feel free to drop by and say "Hello" and see what they are doing, or take your own project and join them for the day. There is a £3 charge for visitors (who stay for the day), which includes tea, coffee and biscuits. If you have never done any spinning and would like to have a go please contact ***chair@wsgswd.org.uk*** and they will try to arrange to bring a spinning wheel to one of their meetings for you to use.

Their members range from beginners to experienced crafts-people. They run several workshops each year, to introduce people to Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing, or to extend their skills. They are also a member of the Association of Guilds which run a summer school and national exhibition in alternate years.

As well as meetings at Ash they have a guest speaker meeting once a month at the Farnham United Reformed church and further Spinning and Weaving days at The Rural Life Centre in Tilford.

Members of the Guild at a monthly meeting at the Victoria Hall

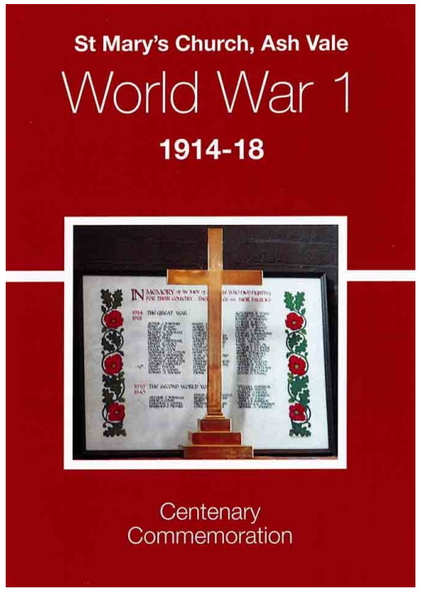
See the guilds website at ***http://www.wsurreyguildspinweavedye.org.uk*** for details of all of their meetings. They are a busy group and have around 60 meetings a year, which are all free to members and open to visitors for a £3 charge. They also demonstrate their skills and work at various local events and will be at the Surrey County Show during May. The group has been running for 36 years and are looking forward to celebrating their 40th birthday in 2019!

Guild Members at the Rral Life Centre, Tilford

Membership of the Guild is £20 per calendar year payable on joining. The Guild is affiliated to The Association of Guilds of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers and all members will receive their newsletter along with the West Surrey Guild's.

It is not mandatory to join the guild on your first visit, and casual visitors are welcome so why not go along to one of their meetings to see if it is for you!

St Mary's Ash Vale 1914-1918 World War 1 Commemorative Booklet



St Mary's Church Ash Vale has a memorial dedicated to St Mary's parishioners who were killed in the two World Wars. The memorial is a simple brass cross with a framed written record of those who were killed behind it.

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Introduction

In the body of St Mary's Church building, at the back opposite the main entrance, on a ledge above the sound amplification control desk, is a simple brass cross and behind it a beautifully written list of the names of members of St Mary's who were killed in World Wars 1 and 2. Early in 2014 the Reverend Neil Lambert the Vicar of St Mary's Ash Vale, gave a challenge to the congregation. The challenge was to take one of the names from that list and find out what we could about that person. This intention effectively gave the present-day congregation and members of the parish the opportunity to find a connection through those commemorated on the WW1 section of the St Mary's War Memorial.

This WW1 commemorative booklet is a summarised compilation of the research the team at St Mary's carried out and brings this project to a close.

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In 2014 St Mary's congregation were challenged to find out information they could about some of the World War 1 names on the memorial.

During July 2014 a joint Service of Reconciliation and Forgiveness was held with the local Lutheran German language congregation. The event fostered goodwill, Christian fellowship and shared stories.

During 2014 Ash Parish Council had the Ash War Memorial cleaned and restored, and on 10th August 2014 the Memorial was rededicated at a well attended service led by the local clergy. Over the same weekend Ash Museum also presented an amazing exhibition in the Victoria Hall focused on the centenary. The St Mary's World War 1 research was included among the many items displayed from the Ash Museum archives and also items gathered from local families.

The St Mary's World War 1 research team came together voluntarily to tackle the challenge. Ash Museum was represented at most of the research teams meetings and gave access to their archives and also much help and encouragement.

After the Service of Reconciliation, the War Memorial Rededication and the exhibition at the Victoria Hall, it was felt by the research team that all the information gathered should not go to waste and a respectful summary for commemoration and future reference would be appropriate.

The commemorative booklet was compiled from the material researched and with the complimentary services of Design Hive, Farnham it was given a professional layout and presentation. The cost of printing the booklet in full colour however did pose a difficulty. However the Surrey County Councillor for Ash, Councillor Marsha Moseley provided a members grant and the booklet is now generally available.

The St. Mary's Ash Vale 1914-1918 World War 1 Commemorative Booklet summarises the research that was carried out and provides a well presented record and respectful addition to the memorials in St Mary's Church and Ash. Copies can be obtained from the Ash Museum (open every third Sunday Afternoon), the Thursday morning café held at St Mary's in Vale Road, and also from the Chapel in Wharf Road, during its Friday morning café.

The. booklet is available for a small donation of £3 to £5 which will go toward either the Ash Museum running costs or to establish a St. Mary's administered community development fund designed to facilitate specific occasional short term projects of a similar nature. Further details on how to obtain a copy of the booklet can be obtained by ringing 01252 378281.

Ash Velo - the Community Cycle Club

Fun, informal, leisurely, social and good for your wellbeing!

Full "Steam" Ahead!

Launched in August 2015 by CTC (The National Cycling Charity) Development Officer Susan Keywood, the club has taken strides in its growth and now proudly presents four highly enthusiastic trained ride leaders who are taking the club to its next stage and offering weekly led cycle rides for all.

Ash Velo is open to adults and families, anyone who wants to cycle at a gentle and easy pace, get back on their bike, improve cycle skills, learn local bike routes or simply build confidence and strength. The club offers a fortnightly Wednesday afternoon 5 mile easy ride, alternative Saturday and Sunday rides of about 10 - 15 miles and a monthly family ride, to give both parents and children a unique opportunity to cycle together.

Ash Velo rides usually consist of planned routes on a variety of cycle pathways, including off-road and on quiet roads, the canal towpath, the Blackwater Valley cycle pathway and might even take in parts of the Christmas Pie trail. Leaders are always prepared with social stops along the way, to catch your breath or enjoy a coffee.

Meeting at Ash Wharf

Ultimately the aim is to offer residents in Ash the type of cycling they would like and shape the rides around the local need.

What's really great about this type of club is that it explores the local area and shows riders how to get around on their bike.

Left: Taking a break alongside the canal

Rides are offered all year round and if this sounds fun, either book or just pop along with your own bike and join in next time!

For more information e-mail ***ashvelocycling@gmail.com*** or telephone Community Warden Lesley Telford on 07769 642053.

The meeting point for rides is Ash Wharf, Wharf Road, Ash Vale GU12 5AZ.

ASH in Bloom 2016

For the seventh year running Ash Parish Council will be holding its annual **ASH in Bloom** competition. The aim of the competition is to encourage residents to make the Parish of Ash a brighter and greener place in which to live. This years competition is being sponsored by the new Co-operative Food store in Wharf Road.

Entry to **ASH in Bloom** is entirely free and judging will take place unannounced during August. The judge will be looking for: the quality of plants; diversity of plants; good use of colour; sustainability - for example using peat free soil, composting, water butts and so on as appropriate to each category, and finally they will be looking at the overall impression.

Certificates and prizes will be awarded at a special presentation ceremony to be held in October at the Ash Centre, where there will be an opportunity to meet other prize winners, sponsors and the judges.

Entries can be made in more than one category, the only rule being that the entry MUST be in the Parish of Ash and visible from the street. You may enter yourself or you can nominate a friend or neighbour.

Please complete the entry form below, or obtain an entry form from the Council Office at the Ash Centre, or visit ***www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk.***

ASH in Bloom 2016 - Entry Form

Please tick which class/es you are entering/nominating an entry for:

- ☐ Best Hanging Basket
- ☐ Best Tub/Container
- ☐ Best Garden Border
- ☐ Best Front Garden
- ☐ Best Kept Allotment

Entrants Name: _____

Address: _____

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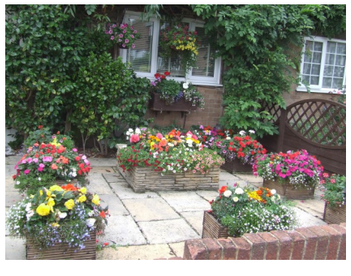
Postcode: _____

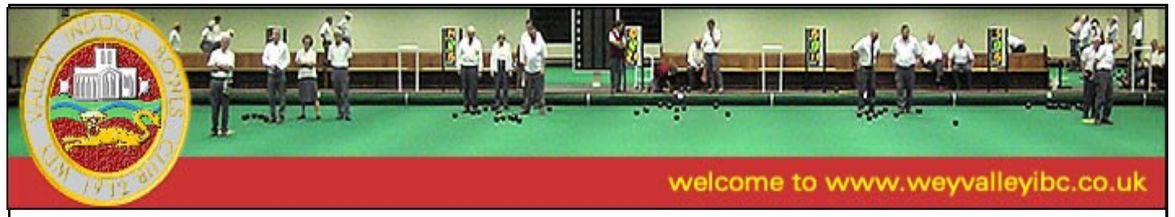
E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

If nominating a friend or neighbour please enter category and as much detail above as possible and enter your name below. This will not be disclosed to the entrant.

Nominee full name: _____





Wey Valley Bowls

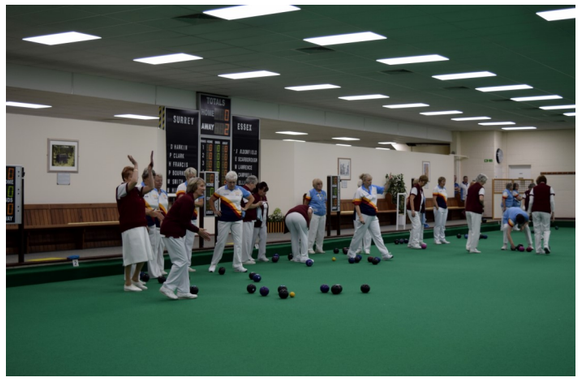
Established in 1972, Wey Valley Indoor Bowls Club is situated at Lido Road, just off Stoke road, Guildford, GU1 1HB. With free car parking, the complex has 6 indoor rinks plus an additional 10 short mat rinks.

The premises are also licensed to serve alcohol and the Bowls Café, provides teas and coffees as well as light lunches and snacks throughout the day.

The origin of bowls can be traced at least as far back as the 13th century and has been popular ever since.

However, like many outdoor games, bowls is affected by the weather, especially during harsh winters. As a result, indoor variations of the game were introduced.

Indoor bowls is played on a surface of carpet and although there are some differences to the rules compared to outdoor bowls, it is essentially the same game, and provides the same enjoyment and has the same attractions as lawn bowls and, indeed, many players participate in both games. The bowls themselves and the smooth soled heel-less footwear are the same as those used outdoors.



Affiliated to the English Indoor Bowling Association (E.I.B.A.), Surrey County Indoor Bowling Association (S.C.I.B.A.) and Surrey County Women's Indoor Bowling Association (S.C.W.I.B.A.) the club has some 500 members, but they are always looking for new members particularly juniors and under 25s.

If you or your family and friends would like to try this sport which caters for **all** ages, why not take the opportunity to **Try Bowls for Free?**

For more information please visit the club website at ***www.weyvalleyibc.co.uk.*** Alternatively you can call either the Club Chairman, Howard Quinnell on 01483 480709 or the Club Secretary, Alan Tingay on 01483 830085. Both will be delighted to hear from you.